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KING OF THE MONSTERS



BATTLE OF THE BEHEMOTHS!



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Eons past, a monstrous hybrid of land and marine reptiles was sealed into a state of suspended animation, slumbering through the fall of dinosaurs and the rise of man. But, awakened by an undersea nuclear test, the creature returned to life — now breathing the fires of radiation...

STAN LEE PRESENTS: **GODZILLA™** KING OF THE MONSTERS!

INSTANT RECAP: DEEP IN A CANADIAN ICE-CAVE, A MAN-MONSTER HAD LAIN FROZEN IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, UNTIL AN ARIZONA UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TEST SPLIT THE EARTH NORTHWARD, CREATING A SUBTERRANEAN "PIPELINE" TO CANADA. THE TREMORS SHATTERED THE CREATURE'S PRISON OF ICE, AND THE SEEPING RADIATION MADE HIM...GROW. REVIVED, CONFUSED, HE ULTIMATELY ENCOUNTERED ANOTHER MONSTER, WHOM HE STALKED TO THE EDGE OF A SHEER CLIFF. AND NOW, BOTH HE AND GODZILLA FIND THEMSELVES FALLING, FALLING...



...DOWN INTO THE MIGHTY
GRAND CANYON, DESTINED
TO BECOME AN--

ARENA FOR THREE!

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THEY HIT WITH THE
IMPACT OF AN AVALANCHE,
BOTH SHRIEKING...



...AND WHEN THEY RISE, THE RAGING COLORADO
RIVER IS NO MORE THAN A TRICKLE AT THEIR
FEET...



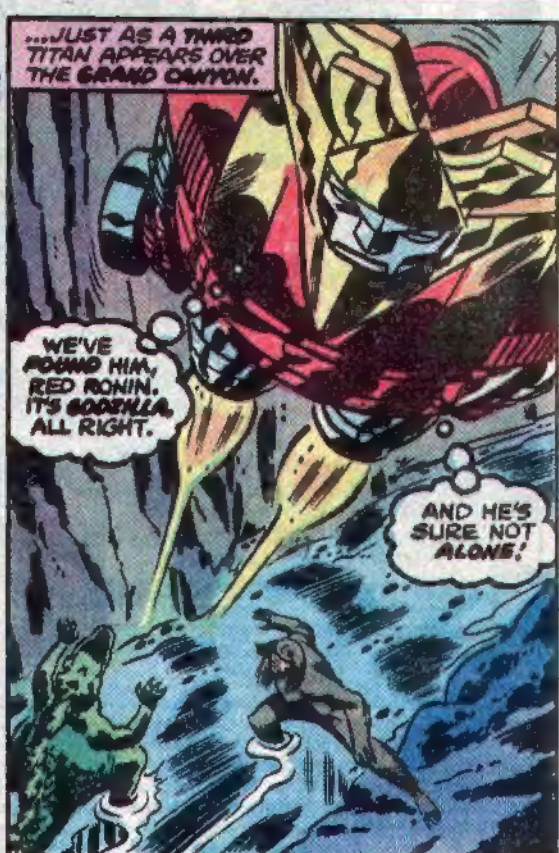
THEY ARE BOTH MAD,
BREATHING THE FURY
ONLY PRIMORDIAL TITANS
CAN FULLY KNOW...

BUT IT IS GODELLA
WHO HAS THE GREATER
CAUSE TO BE MAD. THIS
MAN-MONSTER ATTACKED
HIM, FOR NO REASON.

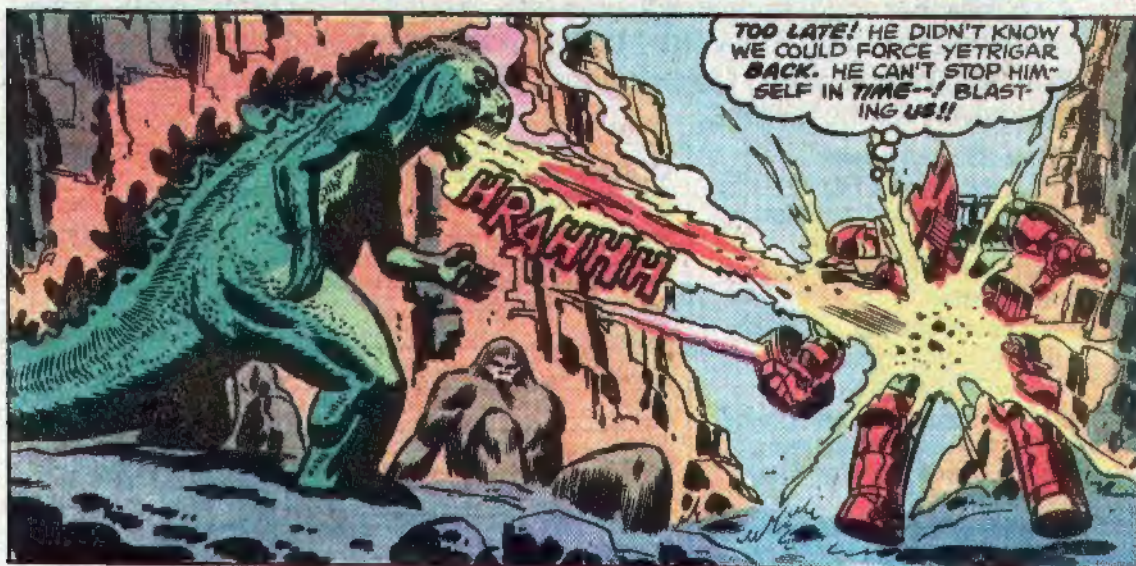


...GIVING HIM ALL
THE REASON HE NEEDS
TO RETALIATE WITH A
SEETHING BLAST OF
RADIOACTIVE FIRE...

...JUST AS A THIRD
TITAN APPEARS OVER
THE GRAND CANYON.









AND NOW YETRIGAR'S
TAKING ADVANTAGE
OF THE CONFUSION!

LOOK HOW
POWERFUL HE
IS, RED RONIN!
HE'LL KILL
GODZILLA--

KWUD



--IF WE
DON'T STOP
HIM!

NOW-- WE'VE
GOT TO MOVE IN
WHILE HE'S STILL
STUNNED.



GOT HIM! BUT
WHAT DO WE
DO WITH HIM?

CAN'T HOLD HIM FOREVER. HOW DO
WE MAKE HIM UNDERSTAND?!

AND WHILE ROB
WRESTLES WITH
HIS COMPLETELY
INCREDIBLE
DILEMMA--

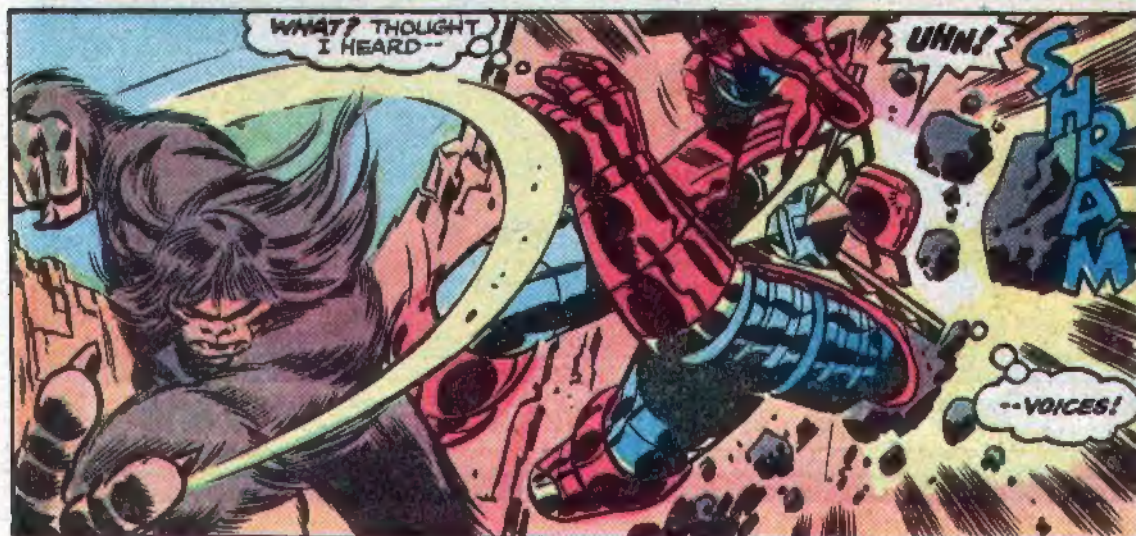


--JUST UP RIVER, TWO YOUNG COUPLES ARE SWEEPED,
UNSUSPECTING THROUGH AN EXHILARATING ADVENTURE...

YOU ALL
RIGHT,
MARY?

FINE,
JEFF.

HANG ON, JILLIAN, THESE WHITE WATERS
CAN GET PRETTY ROUGH, ESPECIALLY
FOR YOU GIRLS. IN FACT, RIGHT AROUND
THE NEXT BEND, THERE'S--





WELL, THAT'LL
TEACH US TO LOSE
CONCENTRATION,
RED RONIN...

...BUT I'M SURE
I HEARD SOME
VOICES-- FAR
AWAY.

NO TIME FOR THAT
NOW, THOUGH. GOT TO
FOCUS ON THE RIGHT
CONTROLS-- REGAIN OUR
BALANCE BEFORE YETI-
GAR ATTACKS AGAIN!



WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS
LIKE WE KNOCKED SOME
ROCKS LOOSE WITH
THAT SLAM.

WELL, A
FEW ROCKS
CAN'T HURT
US, RED
RONIN.

KTUNK



LOOK OUT!
A ROCKSLIDE
COMING RIGHT
AT US!

BACK-
PADDLE--
FAST!!

BUT THE CURRENT IS FAR TOO STRONG,
AND THE TIME FAR TOO SHORT...



...FOR ANYTHING BUT CATASTROPHES!

VIOLENTLY BUFFETED BY THE
STORM OF SPLASHING
BOULDERS, THE RAFT IS
TOSSED LIKE A CHIP OF
BARK IN A TEMPEST...

YAHHH

...AND FINALLY SPIT FROM THE
RIVER, SKIMMING AND SPINNING
THROUGH THE SPRAY...

AND WHEN THE RAFT COMES TO A BOUNCING, SKIDDING HALT ON THE ROCKY SHORE, FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SEARCH OF SAFE DANGER...



...LIE ALL TOO STILL, HAVING LEARNED THERE'S NO SUCH THING.

SOME THIRTY MILES AWAY...



STILL CAN'T FIGGER IT OUT. WHAT IN THE BLOODY BLUE BLAZES WAS THAT BIG HAIRY THING--?

BESIDES SOME-THIN' STRONG ENOUGH TO KNOCK A BLASTED HELI-CARRIER OUTTA THE SKY?

LOOKED LIKE A GIANT BIGFOOT TO ME, DUM-DUM.

HERE COMES OUR FEARLESS PILOT...



WELL, HOWARDS? DAMAGE?

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN.

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THE BEHEMOTH'S JINKED. NO WAY SHE'LL MOVE WITHOUT A LOT OF WORK...



THEN WHAT'RE YA WAITIN' FOR, HOWARDS-- A UNION CARD? AND WHILE YOU'RE WORKIN' ON THE HELI-CARRIER, ME AN' GABE ARE GOING AFTER THAT BLASTED THING-- TO FIND OUT WHAT IT IS.

OH, YEAN?

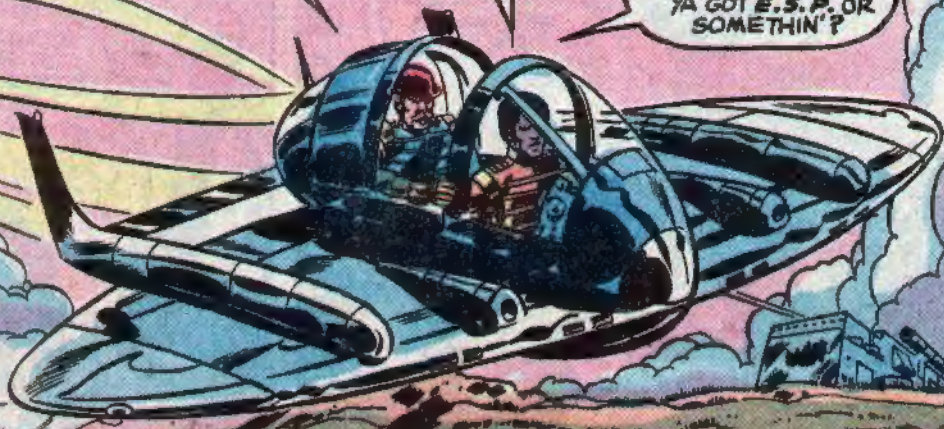
THIS'S DUGAN-- CALLIN' WHATEVER GOLDBRICKIN' YAHOO IS ON DUTY UP ON THAT LOPSIDED FLIGHT-DECK. I WANT A SHUTTLE-CRAFT GASSED UP FOR IMMEDIATE TAKE-OFF!

FOUR
MINUTES
LATER...

'LEAST THE THING'LL
LEAD US TO GODZILLA.

YEAH, ALMOST
FORGOT
ABOUT HIM.

HEY, HOW DO YA
KNOW THE THING
WENT THIS WAY, JONES?
YA GOT E.S.P. OR
SOMETHIN'?



NOPE. I GOT A
TRAIL OF GIANT
FOOTPRINTS.
KINDA HARD
TO MISS.

REMIND ME OF THE
PLASTERCASTS OF THOSE
PRINTS UP IN CANADA,
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
...EVEN TIBET...



...EXCEPT
A COUPLE
HUNDRED
TIMES
BIGGER.

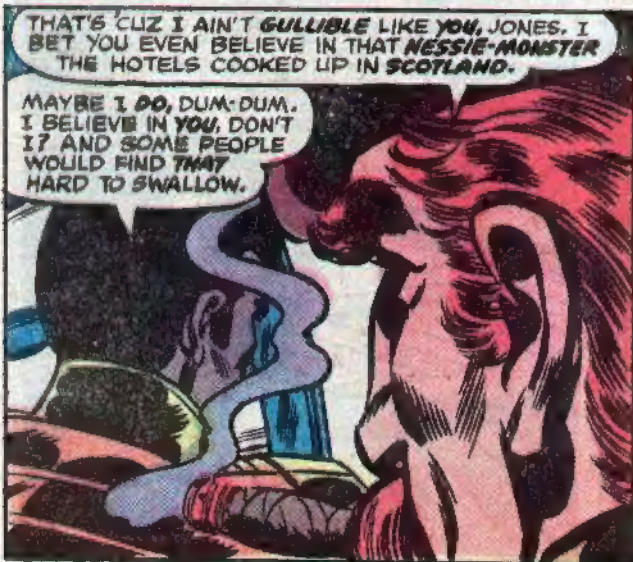
SHOULDA KNOWN YOU WAS ONE
O' THOSE WEIRDOS WHO BELIEVE
IN THE 'BORN-ABLE SNOWMAN.



Y'KNOW, DUM-DUM, YOU
TAKE THE CAKE. HERE WE ARE CHASING
GODZILLA AND A ZILLION-FOOT TALL MAN-AP
AND YOU SCOFF AT SOMETHING ONLY A FEW
FEET BIGGER THAN A GORNILLA.

THAT'S 'CUZ I AIN'T GULLIBLE LIKE YOU, JONES. I
BET YOU EVEN BELIEVE IN THAT NESSIE-MONSTER
THE HOTELS COOKED UP IN SCOTLAND.

MAYBE I DO, DUM-DUM.
I BELIEVE IN YOU, DON'T
I? AND SOME PEOPLE
WOULD FIND THAT
HARD TO SWALLOW.

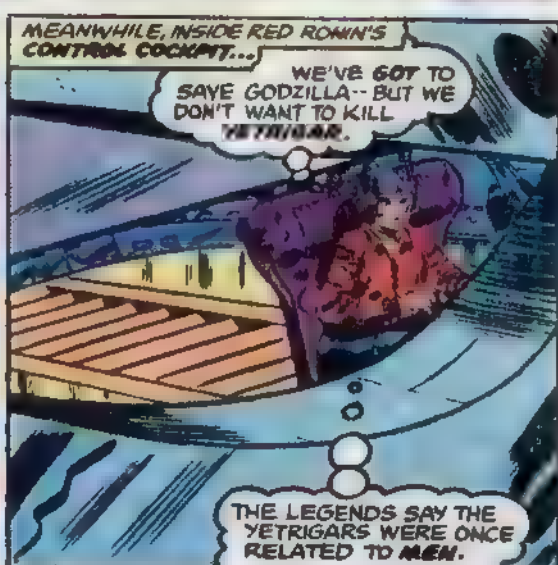
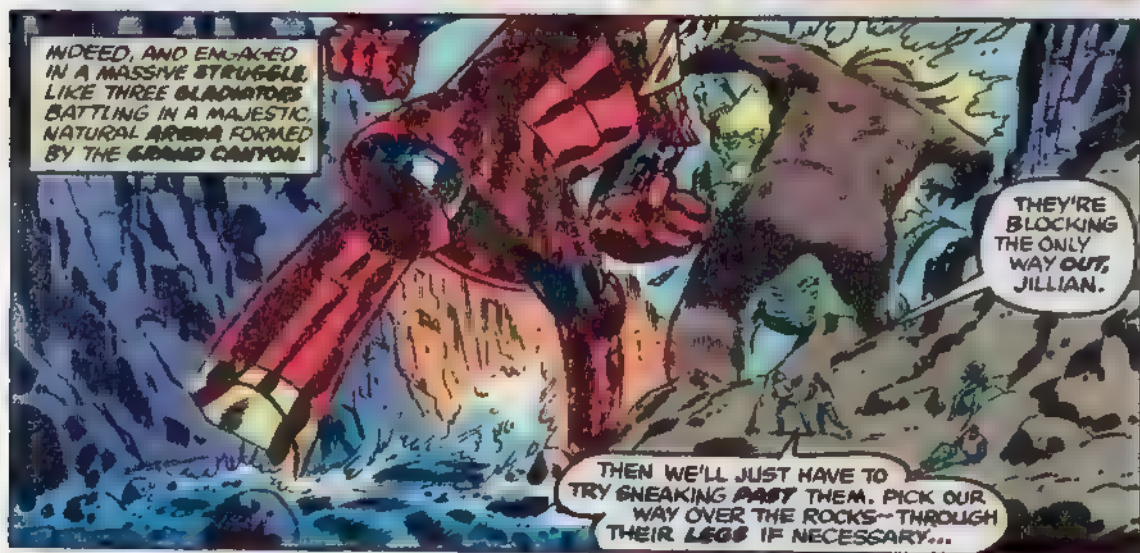
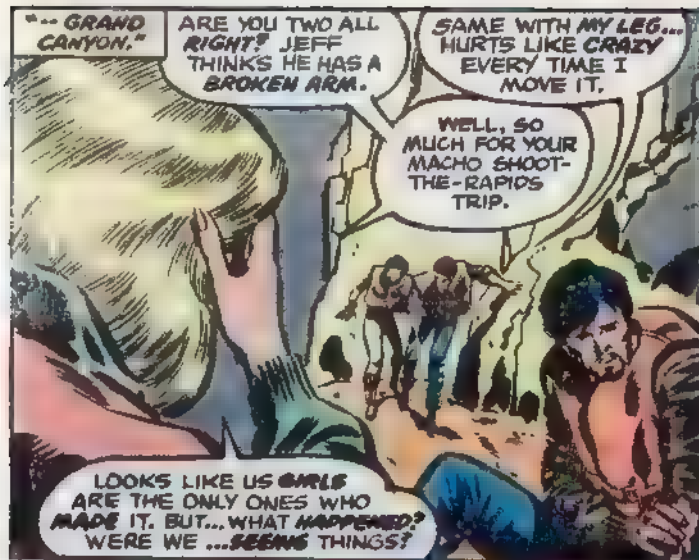


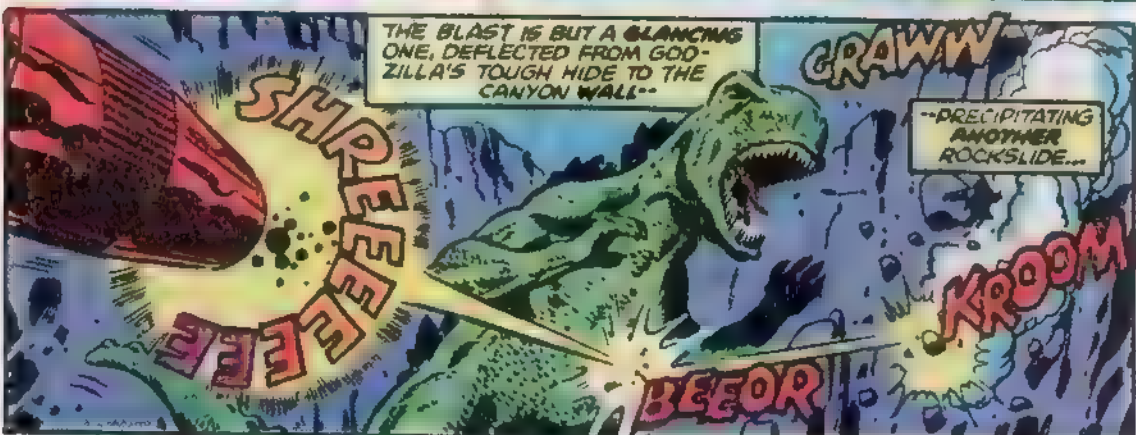
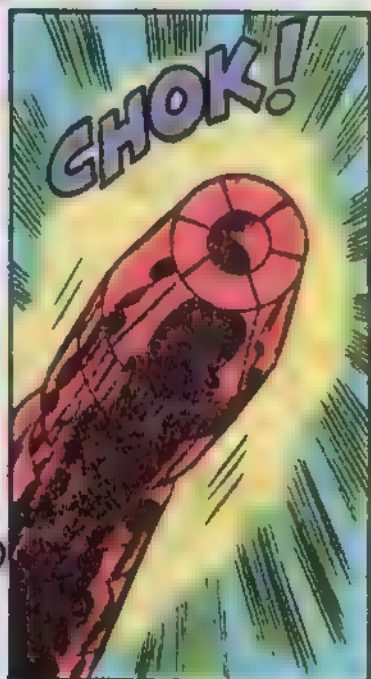
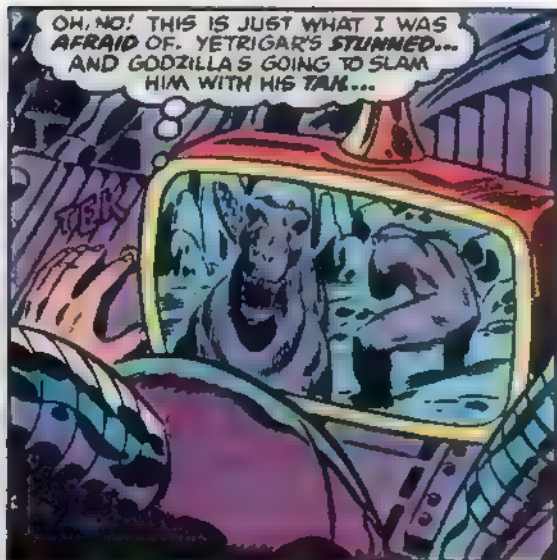
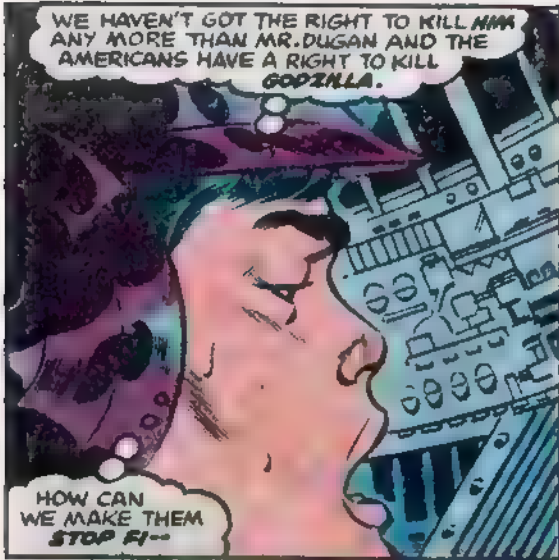
SHADDUP AN'
FLY, JONES--
BEFORE I PUSH
YER EJECT
BUTTON.

I'M FLYIN',
BABE. YOU
BETTER
BELIEVE
IT.



AND GUESS WHAT?
I'D SAY WE'RE ON
OUR WAY STRAIGHT
TO THE--







HURRY! WE CAN MAKE IT PAST THEM IF WE--

NO! DON'T GO ANY FARTHER!

HE'S RIGHT, MARY. SOME OF THAT AVALANCHE IS BEING CHANNELLED DOWN THIS WAY.



JUST WHEN WE'D ALMOST MADE IT.

THAT DOES IT. WE'VE MADE IT NOW.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "THAT DOES IT"?

THE ROCKS, MARY. THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF BOULDERS BLOCKING THE ONLY WAY OUT!

SO WHAT?

JUST LEAN ON MY SHOULDER AND KEEP RUNNING, RON.



"I DON'T CARE HOW MANY MOUNTAINS THESE MONSTERS PILE UP. WE'RE GOING TO CLIMB RIGHT OVER EVERY ONE OF THEM TO GET OUT OF HERE!"

HPAAHH

BUT THE MONSTERS IT SEEMS COULDN'T CARE LESS-- PERHAPS UNAWARE THAT THE FOUR NEARLY HELPLESS HUMANS EVEN EXIST...

AND IF ROB IS AWARE OF THEM, AT THE MOMENT
HE'S TOO BUSY TO THINK ABOUT IT...

GODZILLA'S REALLY
TURNING ON US NOW,
RED RONIN--

--MAD OVER
THE WAY WE
BLASTED HIM!

AND IF WE DON'T
START FIGHTING
BACK-- WE'RE
DONE FOR!

TEK

NO!!

HE STEPPED FORWARD! WE
REALLY BLASTED HIM!

HE'S
MURTH!

HSAAE
REEAWW

COME ON!
KEEP
CLIMBING!

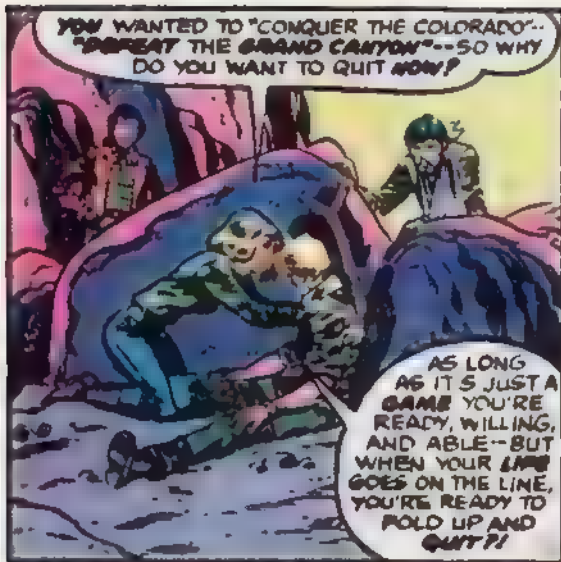
GIVE
ME
YOUR
HAND,
RON.

AGHH!!

MY
LEG!!

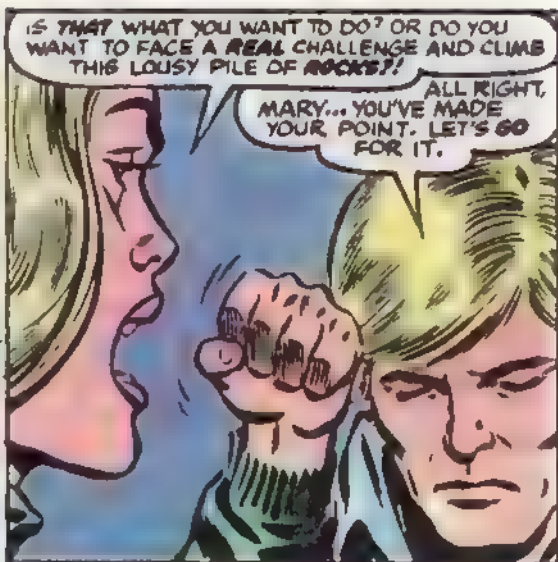
IT'S NO USE, MARY!
I'LL NEVER MAKE IT.

NOP WHERE'S
YOUR "SPIRIT
OF CHALLENGE"
NOW, RON?



YOU WANTED TO "CONQUER THE COLORADO"--
"DEFEAT THE GRAND CANYON"--SO WHY
DO YOU WANT TO QUIT NOW?

AS LONG
AS IT'S JUST A
GAME YOU'RE
READY, WILLING,
AND ABLE--BUT
WHEN YOUR LIFE
GOES ON THE LINE,
YOU'RE READY TO
FOLD UP AND
QUIT?



IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT TO DO? OR DO YOU
WANT TO FACE A REAL CHALLENGE AND CLIMB
THIS LOUSY PILE OF ROCKS?!

ALL RIGHT,
MARY... YOU'VE MADE
YOUR POINT. LET'S GO
FOR IT.



AND, TOWERING NEARBY, YETI-GAR SENSES AN DANG-
ING...

WE'VE MET EACH
OTHER. GODZILLA'S WEAKENED
AND SO ARE WE, RED RONIN...
BUT OUR COMMON ENEMY
IS HARDLY SCRATCHED...

IF HE DECIDES
TO ATTACK EITHER
OF US NOW...



HE DOES, FOR, AN
OPENING IS ALL THE
BRUTAL MAN-MONSTER
NEEDS.

KLONG

AGHH!



THE CONTROL-HELMET'S
RIPPING LOOSE!
RED RONIN'S
"UNCONSCIOUS"

HE'LL GO DOWN
AND STAY DOWN,
UNTIL I CAN GET
THE HELMET
BACK ON...



"...AND BY THEN, IT
MAY BE TOO LATE!"

NOT SO--
FOR, EVEN THOUGH
HE IS SEVERELY
WEAKENED...



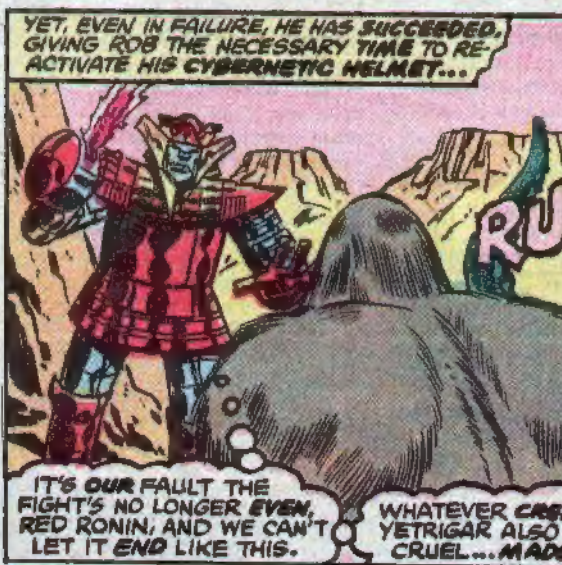
...GODZILLA SEEMS TO REMEMBER TIMES WHEN
RED RONIN AIDED HIM--PERHAPS EVEN SAVED
HIS LIFE...

...AND HE LUNGES FORWARD,
NOW, VALIANTLY STRIVING
TO RETURN THE FAVOR.



BUT COURAGE ALONE
IS NEVER ENOUGH.

GODZILLA HAS BEEN WEAKENED
MORE THAN HE KNEW...AND SO, IN
SHOCK AND SUDDEN PAIN, HE FALLS.

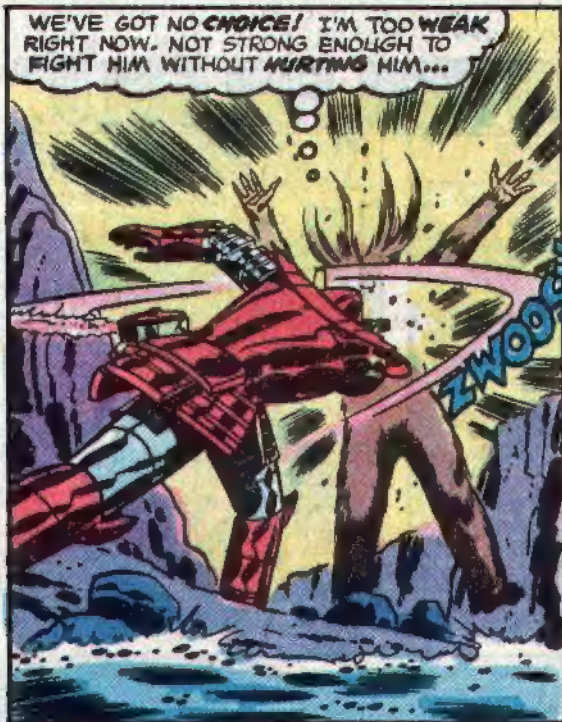


YET, EVEN IN FAILURE, HE HAS SUCCEEDED,
GIVING ROB THE NECESSARY TIME TO RE-
ACTIVATE HIS CYBERNETIC HELMET...

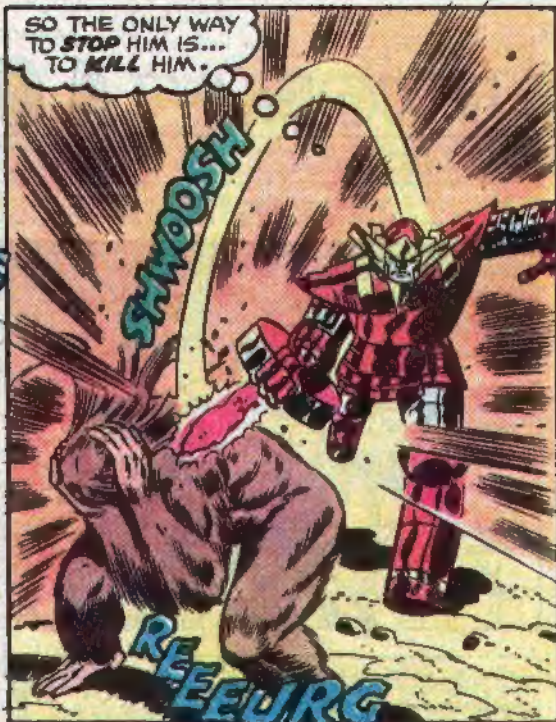
IT'S OUR FAULT THE
FIGHT'S NO LONGER EVEN,
RED RONIN, AND WE CAN'T
LET IT END LIKE THIS.

WHATEVER CREATED THIS
YETRIGAR ALSO MADE IT
CRUEL...MADDENED.

...AND NOW IT IS RED RONIN WHO BOLDLY
CHALLENGES YETRIGAR, THE WARRIOR'S
MASK GRIMLY CONCEALING YOUNG ROB'S
RELUCTANCE...



WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE! I'M TOO WEAK
RIGHT NOW. NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO
FIGHT HIM WITHOUT HURTING HIM...



SO THE ONLY WAY
TO STOP HIM IS...
TO KILL HIM...



AND WHILE ROB IS TORN
BETWEEN ANGUISH AND
DETERMINATION, GUIDING
RED RONIN THROUGH ONE
HATED SLASH AFTER
ANOTHER....

COME ON,
JEFF! YOU CAN
MAKE IT.

HOW'S RON,
MARY?

WELL,
RON?

I'M ALL RIGHT...
NOW THAT I'VE
SWALLOWED MY
PRIDE.

OH, COME ON.
IT COULDN'T HAVE
TASTED THAT BAD.



WE MADE IT! AND LOOK!

IF THAT'S A
RESCUE PLANE,
WE WON'T HAVE
TO CLIMB DOWN
THE OTHER SIDE!



IT IS THE BLASTED ROBOT! I
DON'T BELIEVE IT-- AFTER I
TOLD 'EM NOT TO LET THAT
LITTLE BRAT OUTTA THEIR
SHIRT. WAIT'LL I GET
MY HANDS ON--

LATER,
DUM-DUM.



RIGHT NOW, I SEE FOUR PEOPLE
DOWN THERE WHO COULD USE A
LIFT.

I DON'T
BELIEVE THEY
LET THAT KID
GO FREE--

--TO STEAL
A GIANT
ROBOT, NO
LESS!



I-- I'M SORRY, YETIGAR, BUT I HAVE TO DO THIS. I KNOW YOU'RE REALLY INNOCENT, LIKE GOD-ZILLA, BUT--

CHOOM

RURRG!



-- BUT I'M TOO WEAK... TO STOP YOU ANY OTHER WAY.

KUH ROOM

HOLY SMOKES! LOOKIT THAT!



HE COMPLETELY BURIED THE THING! CAN'T SEE IT AT ALL ANYMORE!

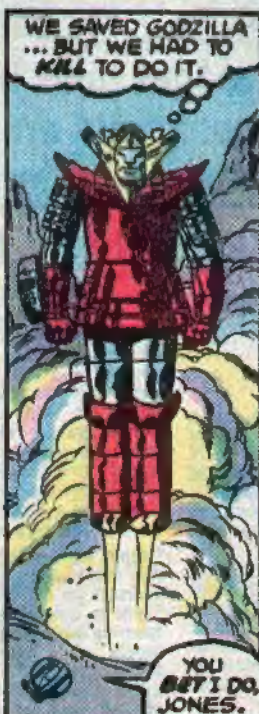
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER MONSTER?

IT-- IT'S LEAVING... AND IT NODDED ITS HEAD TO THE ROBOT... LIKE IT WAS SAYING... GOODBYE!



LOOKS LIKE THE "LITTLE BRAT" TOOK CARE OF THAT PROBLEM, DUM-DUM.

STILL WANT TO GET YOUR HANDS ON HIM?



WE SAVED GODZILLA... BUT WE HAD TO KILL TO DO IT.

YOU BET I DO, JONES.



"AN' WHEN I DO, HE'S GONNA FEEL MORE THAN SORRY FOR HIMSELF!"

GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!

MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST KEEP FLYING, RED RONIN... AND NEVER STOP.

NEXT ISSUE: THE MEGA-MONSTERS!

GODZILLA-GRAMS

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Hey, we thought we'd kick off this letters page with something of a special treat — even if it is a bogus one. What's a treat, you ask? And what the blazes does bogus mean anyway? Well, read on, people, read on...

Dear Doug and Herb,

"Simplicity of character is no hindrance to subtlety of intellect." — John Viscount Morley ("Life of Godzillas")

The following is an interview excerpted from "The Monstrous Times," in which our intrepid (and rather stupid) reporter, Commander Quotey, queries Godzillas on his opinions regarding GODZILLA #7. Outfitted with radiation-proof tape recorder, asbestos-lined earphones, and twelve grumbling SHIELD agents who consented to rescue the tape in the extremely likely event of trouble, the Commander fortunately emerged from the encounter unscathed... but has since begun to glow strongly. And now, without further ado, the interview...

CQ: Tell me, Gods, what was your reaction in general to GODZILLA #7?

G: RRRRAAWWWGGGI (Translation: "Well, Commander, I found it very exciting. Both this issue and the last were marked improvements over previous efforts, conveying the same manic energy of the very best chame films, such as THE FRENCH CONNECTION and DIRTY HARRY, while also giving the characters a chance to develop interesting personalities. Doug's script was crammed with action without being mindless, and Herb's art was some of the best work he's produced in his entire career.")

CQ: I'm inclined to agree with you, Godz. Now, what do you think of this new character, Hugh Howards? You know, the new civilian pilot of the Hell-Carrier "Behemoth."

G: HHHRRRRRAAGGGHHI ("Extremely interesting, and obviously modeled on another HH who also exhibited a predilection for test-piloting, and who proved to be quite a colorful character himself. Yes, I think this Howards will develop into a top-notch supporting character, perhaps offsetting all the pro-Godzillas sentiment among the rest of the cast... ahem, not that I resent any of my supporters in the least, of course.")

CQ: I see. How about little Rob and this Red Ronin?

G: GGGNNNAARRRGGGI ("Well, I must admit I'm anxiously waiting to see what a 12-year-old child could possibly do against someone of my, er, rather considerable stature, as it were. A very powerfully armed 12-year-old, it's true, but you know the old saying: A weapon is only as good as the man who uses it. How they ever let the kid get a second chance at that robot, though, I'll never fathom. And how did he suddenly gain expertise in the operation of Red Ronin?

Minor points, of course, and not that I really care, Commander — because I'll obviously beat the tar out of Red Ronin no matter who operates him.")

CQ: Well, I'm not so sure about that. Indeed, I rather think that Red Ronin might — YYYOOWWWII!

G: SSSPPSSSS!

(At this point in the interview, the subject abruptly spewed a short burst of radioactive fire-energy.)

GRRAAWWWI ("Don't press your luck, boy. I can get extremely unreasonable. Ask Raymond Burr.")

CQ: S—S—Sorry, Mr. Godzilla. And now, I've really gotta fly, but if I might ask one more question on the way out: What do you think of the overall direction the GODZILLA mag has taken thus far? The SHIELD versus you format and all...

G: HHHRRRRRAAGGGHHI ("So far, so good. As a permanent thing, however, it might possibly wear a little thin. Look what Doug did in MASTER OF KUNG FU after his epic six-part Fu Manchu battle was over — he took a new direction. And perhaps when the present format of GODZILLA plays itself out, a similar change might be effected. But that's for the far future; right now, I heartily approve of everything.")

CQ: Yes... well, thank you very much, Godzillas, for this most enlightening interview.

G: GRRRUFFI ("My pleasure, Commander.")

And there you have it, the world's first interview with the Big Gee. We feel it's Pulitzer Prize stuff, and can only hope the Commander will still be around to collect in the event he should win. But the way he's beginning to glow, however, we have reason to feel there may be some doubt...

A Lost Marvel Madman
c/o Commander Quotey

1500 LaSalle Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Ya see, People? After reading the above, who needs to even bother checking the dictionary for "bogus"? Alas, would that it were otherwise and we could believe in the journalistic integrity of this mysterious Commander Quotey. After all, what better testament to our success in handling the GODZILLA book than hearing it straight from the lizard's mouth...?

Dear Marvel:

The 7th issue of GODZILLA was great! And oh, that Red Ronin — he's a natural! Speaking of naturals, that final two-page spread fits the category beautifully. It's a crime of cosmic proportions to confine Godzillas to a single tiny panel. Now may I humbly request Godzillas Vs. Ultimo?

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You — and all our readers — may request any little thing your hearts desire, Mike. We just love to listen. But only the future will reveal the results of your ruminating requests. In the meantime, will you settle for Godzillas Vs. Yetriger...? Be good.

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